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"Bolshevikists" Again

"Bolshevikists" is a very long word for war-time traitors. It originated in Russia as a name for the people that thought they were a majority party. Since then they have spread all over the world in the form of anarchists and rebels, but the true meaning of the word is misinterpreted.

They wish to overthrow the present governments of the different countries and not their own d als into power. Bolshevikists are like the fleas on a dog that are not fatal, but keep him always busy and uncomfortable.

This is one of the foremost things that hindered the Victory Loan and lots of other after the war important business that is really vital to the public.

When the bombs were sent to the different Senators a short time ago they most probably were sent by a group of Bolshevikists that sought to take the lives of some of the country's best men, the real purpose being to start a clamor or an uprising in which they might work disaster. Some of these traitors may be paid German agitators for all we know, but there is one thing certain, this pest must be extinguished before there is real lasting peace within and between the countries.

Pleasantville, N. Y. Ellen C. Curtis (14 years).



The Essiest Job

When you look for a 350 cen't consider so much how hard it is for you now, but look at the future, the chances of advancement it holds for you. For instance, although working as office boy for an engineering company would be harder than dishing out ice cream, it would be the better job in the long run, because it would give you a chance to become a high salaried, important figure in the engineering world.

If you can't get a job that will lead directly to the big job you want to fill when you're a man and you are forced to take one that seems very unimportant and uninteresting, don't say, "Oh, I won't do any more work than I have to here. I'll just monkey around until I can get a better job." When you try to get a new and better

job your former boss will be asked about your ability.

But whatever job you try for, whether it's a street cleaning one or being President, do your very best at it.

Ralph P. Anderson (14 years).

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On Prohibition

Recently when the "drys" succeeded in having the legislators ratify the amendment which prohibits the sale or manufacture of liquor, the question was asked whether or not this amendment was infringing upon the liberties of an American citizen; whether or not any body of lawmakers could decide upon the personal habits of a free man.

Ever since records of man's doings have been written there has been some mention made of wine and drinking. In the Bible we read of how Noah became a vineyard cultivator and how he became intoxicated by his own wine. From time immemorial, when an important guest was received, wine was drunk to his health and welfare. In the ancient Romans' feasts, in the sumptuous banquets of the Middle Age barons, in the mansions of the Southern cotton producers, in every place where hospitality was shown and good will expressed, some form of liquor was used. Therefore the anti-prohibitionists think it very wrong for any one to take away their expression of good will. And, arguing further, they say that liquor is not the only thing that the reformers want, but that they will want, in quick succession, tobacco and other "innocent forms of enjoyment."

But let us see both sides of the question. Is this bill infringing upon the rights of American citizens? Many people have the peculiar idea that liberty is the right to do what one pleases. This is not so. Liberty is the right of a person to do what he considers right, provided, however, that these actions do not in any way interfere with other free people. If liberty were what some of these people think it is, then suicide and other things of that sort would be permissible. But they are not, as demonstrated by our own laws.

Therefore prohibition as it stands at the present time should be put into effect and should be continued for the good of the community, even though there are a few people who, looking out for their own interests, oppose it.

Myron Eisenstein (14 years).

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